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DCRA Receives Highest Standard of Excellence from International Accreditation Body

Agency's Building Department Becomes 24th Accredited in the Nation

Washington, D.C. – The Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs (DCRA) has successfully earned accreditation for its Building Department from the International Accreditation Service (IAS), a distinction received after an independent audit and rigorous review of the agency's organizational structure and standards process was conducted.

DCRA's Building Department is among 24 government organizations that have received IAS accreditation nationwide. A formal ceremony was held on May 2nd at the Washington DC Economic Partnership to commemorate the achievement.

"We're extremely excited that our work to improve the quality of service offered to District businesses and residents is being recognized," said DCRA Director Melinda Bolling. "This demonstrates that the agency operates at a high level of organizational, legal and technical standards, and provides exceptional service to its community."

DCRA began the accreditation process in 2015 for the agency's Building Department, specifically the Construction Permit Operations and Inspection Divisions. An IAS Accreditation for Building Departments demonstrates that departments implement best practices for public safety; display competency and meet nationally recognized standards; and enhance the stature of the organization.

"Achieving building department accreditation is no easy feat," said IAS President Raj Nathan at the ceremony. "[We] thoroughly examine a department's budget, resources, quantity and quality of staff, as well as its organizational commitment to professional development and quality assurance. Overall, IAS found a well organized department with high quality staff and high standards."

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About the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs

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About the International Accreditation Service

The [International Accreditation Service, Inc. \(IAS\)](#), a member of the ICC Family of Companies, is a nonprofit, public-benefit corporation that has been providing accreditation services since 1975. IAS accreditation programs are based on recognized national and international standards that ensure domestic and global acceptance of its accreditations.